

BLOWOUT HALTS ALL L. I. TRAINS 2 HOURS

Pennsy Fliers Delayed as
Fuse Burns Out in Long
Island City.

THOUSANDS HELD UP
7,000 Marooned in Stations
Everywhere in Electri-
fied System.

EVEN THEATERS STOP
Stage Stars Are Unable to En-
ter City—Nobody Is Hurt
and Little Disorder.

The worst tieup in the history of the Long Island Railroad occurred at noon yesterday and completely paralyzed traffic for two hours and thirty-three minutes, inconveniencing thousands of holiday travelers. The entire electrified system went out of commission at 12:27 P. M. when a cable fuse burned out in the Long Island City power house. Pennsylvania trains in and out of the Pennsylvania Station also were delayed from five to sixty-five minutes.

Four trains were stalled in the tubes under the East River and more than thirty others went dead at various points along the main line and on the Whitestone, Port Washington, Rockaway, Far Rockaway and Long Beach branches. Lights went out, but were replaced by emergency storage batteries. Between 6,000 and 7,000 passengers were stalled on trains, according to railroad officials, and many thousands more congregated in the Pennsylvania and Flatbush avenue stations and at way stations west of Jamaica.

Although there was a deal of grumbling no disorder and no accidents were reported. No one was injured in the blow-out at the power house. The cable was repaired and normal service resumed about 6 P. M.

Many of the incoming passengers were bound for theaters and several matinees were delayed because actors

Steady Drop in Mercury and Cold Wind Predicted.

CLOUDY, gusty and cold is the weather man's prediction for New Year's Day. The mercury is expected to drop throughout the day while forty-four mile winds sweep across the city. To-morrow will be fair, according to the Weather Bureau, with a temperature of about 20 degrees above zero, and with lighter winds.

were late. The Hippodrome sent taxis to the Pennsylvania Station and picked up late arrivals who had tickets for the afternoon performance.

On the Port Washington train due in New York at 12:37 were about a dozen players, including Frank Craven, star and author of "The Chocolate Soldier"; Virginia O'Brien, who sings in the same play; Billy Hatch of "The Squaw Man" and Fred Kerr of "The Mountain Man." All these plays were held up.

This train stopped in the tunnel about half a mile from the station. It remained there until 2:40, when it succeeded in crawling in on power borrowed from the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. In the meantime, however, some of the impatient passengers climbed out and made their way on foot to the station platform in spite of the protests of the trainmen.

At 3 o'clock there were about 2,000 persons waiting in the Long Island waiting room in the Pennsylvania Station and about 2,000 more at Flatbush avenue. The first train left at 3:05 P. M. and other trains followed at increasingly frequent intervals.

The official explanation of the accident was the burning out of a cable in the 66 cycle power system which supplies the lights and signals. This occurred at 12:17 P. M. and the lights went out in the Pennsylvania Station but were switched on again two minutes later by cutting into the New York Edison Company.

The traction power did not give out, however, until the electric blowers, which are operated by the 60 cycle plant, ceased to generate steam for the 25 cycle system that moves the trains. At 12:27 this system also failed and the third rails went dead.

Under reciprocal agreement any electrically operated railway or public utility in the city is permitted to "cut in" on any other in case of emergency. The Long Island and part of the Pennsylvania system began immediately to borrow power from the Interborough, the B. R. T., the Edison Company and the Hudson and Manhattan tunnel. Most of these lines were handling rush hour crowds, but their combined power was insufficient to carry the extra load, so the stalled trains on the Long Island after a brief struggle stalled again.

Thereafter and until the break was repaired trains were run in series, with first attention given to through trains on the Pennsylvania line between Manhattan Transfer and Penn Station. During the two and a half hour tieup sixteen inbound Pennsylvania trains were late from two to sixty-five minutes and the departure of fourteen outbound trains was delayed from six to sixty-one minutes.

MRS. STILLMAN NOW FACES QUEBEC GALE

Trip of Banker's Wife to Get
Evidence May Be Halted by
Small Blizzard.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald.

QUEBEC, Dec. 31.—A snowstorm that toward nightfall assumed the proportions of a "baby" Canadian blizzard probably has thrown additional obstacles in the way of Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman's quest for evidence in her divorce suit. Fully five inches of snow has fallen since morning and it is being blown by a stiff northwest gale into mounds which may block the railroad lines running to northern Quebec, over which Mrs. Stillman must travel to serve her subpoenas.

Mrs. Stillman and her son, James A. "Bud" Stillman, Jr., remained in their rooms at the Chateau Frontenac throughout the day, conferring with Philip J. O'Brien, the Yonkers attorney

who is to accompany the banker's wife on the expedition into the north country. The presence of Mrs. Stillman in Quebec, aside from brief notices in the local newspaper, has attracted no attention.

The present plans of Mrs. Stillman are to leave here Monday afternoon for Grande Pile, reaching that place late Monday night.

If the storm does not upset these plans Mrs. Stillman feels she will be able to reach all the places in her itinerary in the eight days that will be left before the beginning of the hearings at Montreal on January 11. At best it will be but a flying trip through the North Woods and the success of the undertaking depends entirely upon climatic conditions.

Dispatches received here to-day from Montreal quote Eugene H. Godin, King's Counselor, who has been named special commissioner to take testimony in the divorce suit, as saying that the coming hearings in that city would be open to the public.

This, however, is understood to be a misapprehension on the part of the Canadian press, due to the fact that Mr. Godin's commission calls for an "open commission." Legally the word "open" grants attorneys for both sides the right to question witnesses rather than to have propounded questions submitted to them as would be the case with an ordinary commission.

MRS. STILLMAN WANTS \$12,500 EXTRA FOR TRIP

Justice Keogh to Decide Ap-
plication This Week.

On the ground that Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman's trip to the Canadian wilds to examine witnesses to help her to combat James A. Stillman's divorce suit will cause unusual expense, John F. Brennan, her counsel, yesterday applied to Supreme Court Justice Martin J. Keogh for an extra allowance.

Mr. Brennan wanted at least \$12,500

to pay the expenses of counsel and assistants in visiting Three Rivers, Quebec, and in traveling far back in the Canadian woods to interrogate witnesses who will be used when the divorce hearing is continued before Eugene H. Godin, the commissioner in Montreal, on January 11.

William F. Rand and Cornelius Sullivan opposed the motion. Mr. Rand bitterly opposed any allowance to Mrs. Stillman and insisted that she should pay any future expenses of the trial out of her extraordinary allowance of \$90,000 a year for alimony. Besides this he said counsel fees amounting to \$20,000 had been allowed to the lawyers represent-

ing her and baby Guy Stillman, whose legitimacy is being questioned by the banker.

Justice Keogh said he would hand down his decision this week.

FOUR FREE IN \$40,000 IN DIRECTORY SCHEME

White Brothers and Orr Ac-
cused of \$1,000,000 Swindle.

James H. White, John F. White, Michael White and William B. Orr, indicted Friday for grand larceny in con-

nection with an alleged directory advertising swindle which has been operated for thirty years, with an estimated loss of \$1,000,000 to business firms, appeared before Judge Morris Keogh in chambers yesterday and were tried in \$10,000 bail each, pending arraignment before Judge McIntyre in General Sessions on Tuesday. They passed Friday night in Police Headquarters.

The Federal Luxury Tax, Repealed January 1, 1922

Exempts from taxation Lingerie, Negligees, Blouses, Corsets, Knit Underwear, Footwear, Hosiery, Millinery, Handbags, Fans, Leather Goods and Novelties.

The tax has also been removed from Furs, Perfumes and Jewelry.

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45 Tailored or Dance Frocks
Formerly 58.00 to 95.00 **34.00**

Light colored chiffon, silk crepe or beaded Georgette frocks; also tailored frocks of twill.

35 Afternoon or Dance Frocks
Formerly 75.00 to 110.00 **55.00**

Of embroidered velvet, tinted lace, light hued chiffon, crepe Georgette; also piquette tailored gowns.

35 Dinner or Evening Gowns
Formerly up to 245.00 **120.00**

Of silk velvet, metal cloth, beaded crepe, chiffon, lace, crepe Roma, crepe Georgette; also duvetyn gowns.

Women's Suits

75 Smart Winter Suits
Formerly up to 165.00 **46.00**

Of velvetyne, moussy, duvet de laine, velvetyne, twill or tweed, many tailored types; others with fitch, wolf, squirrel, beaver, Persian lamb, Hudson seal or opossum fur.

48 Costume Suits
Formerly 95.00 to 225.00 **64.00**

Duvetyne, velvetyne, velvetyne; also homespun or tweed, with beaver, caracul, nutria, krimmer or Persian lamb fur.

30 Fur Trimmed Costume Suits
Formerly 165.00 to 255.00 **95.00**

Duvetyne, kasha, wondora, cachemire, moussy or velvetyne with fitch, krimmer, squirrel, caracul, Persian lamb, beaver or Hudson seal furs.

Women's Coats, Capes and Wraps

A Group of Odd Coats and Capes
Formerly up to 145.00 **50.00**

Cf luxurious textiles, to wear with one's own furs.

40 Veldyne Wraps with Fur
Formerly up to 95.00 **68.00**

Wrappy coats or straightline capes with large collars of elephant squirrel or nutria.

60 Fur Trimmed Coats or Capes
Formerly up to 145.00 **80.00**

Fashionable types of finest winter fabrics, mostly one or two of a kind, with beaver, caracul or wolf.

25 Duvetyne or Marvella Wraps
Formerly up to 155.00 **100.00**

Marvella wrappy coats with large beaver collars; duvetyne blouse-capes with caracul. Also marvella coats without fur.

43 Duvetyne or Marvella Coats
Formerly up to 195.00 **120.00**

Of luxurious textiles in fashionable colorings, lavishly trimmed with fine furs. Also models without fur.

12 Velvet Evening Wraps
Formerly up to 265.00 **145.00**

Of soft, lustrous velvet, all handsomely fur trimmed, some steel embroidered, including a few imported models.

Sports Attire

Odd Garments; Limited Quantities

35 Reindeer Skirts
Formerly 25.00 **12.00**

13 Sporting Capes
Formerly up to 105.00 **45.00**

22 Sporting Capes
Formerly up to 42.50 **28.00**

10 English Top Coats
Formerly 65.00 **48.00**

4 Camel's Hair Fur Collared Jackets
Formerly up to 110.00 **55.00**

8 Vicuna Topcoats
Formerly up to 125.00 **65.00**

6 Vicuna Sport Dresses
Formerly 65.00 **48.00**

21 Vicuna Sport Suits
Formerly 125.00 **85.00**

60 "Glen Logan" Tweed Sport Suits
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63 Winter Suits
Formerly up to 75.00 **25.00**

Of duvet de laine, checked worsted or frieze suiting—youthful tailored types, some fur trimmed.

57 Fur Trimmed Suits
Formerly up to 135.00 **46.00**

Of moussy, mchateux or duvet de laine with beaver, squirrel, wolf or opossum, some with scroll embroidery.

64 Winter Coats
38.00

Formerly up to 65.00

Of fine winter coatings in belted, scarf or straightline models.

150 Fur Trimmed Coats
68.00

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Of soft, rich coat textiles with large collars of wolf or opossum.

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Of the season's most luxurious textiles with beaver, squirrel, caracul, opossum or wolf.

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